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LOCAL UM STUDENT IS TRUMAN SCHOLAR NOMINEE

MISSOULA --

Shane Vannatta, the son of Marlyn and Karen Vannatta of Bainville, is one of three University of Montana students who have been nominated for a Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

The scholarship, established by Congress, provides up to \$7,000 a year for the junior and senior years in college and two years of graduate or professional study. The award, now in its 12th year, is given annually on the basis of academic excellence, leadership potential and a commitment to a career in government.

Vannatta was chosen by a committee made up of James Lopach, UM's acting associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and his fellow political science Professors Forest Grieves and Lou Hayes.

Vannatta will compete against nominees from other four-year schools in Montana and against Montana residents nominated by their out-of-state schools.

Several Montana nominees will be chosen by the Truman Scholarship Board for interviews with a regional panel. The panel, which will hold the interviews in February in Seattle, will pick the state's Truman Scholar.

The scholarship will be awarded in April to 105 students nationally: one student from each state plus more than 50 at-large recipients.

Vannatta is a sophomore majoring in journalism, with an

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emphasis in radio and television. A member of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society, he's also a floor representative on Craig Hall's dorm council.

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